

# Slow-Coach Willis

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Willis Lamphear had been a slow boy at school, and his young manhood had not seemed to bring a sharpening of his wit. He had thus become in a sense a butt for the jokes of the community. Smart young men laughed at him when they talked to their sweethearts. They made fun of his deliberate ways, his stammering speech, and at church gatherings and at country dances he was left to himself by the girls. Their eyes and ears were for the more alert young men who knew how to attract and hold their attention.

So it happened that Willis when he was thirty was not married. He knew little of the pursuit of women; somewhat wistfully he wished for a wife, but none of the girls had seemed to care for his attentions, and so he had withdrawn more and more into himself.

He lived with his father and mother in a square house at the edge of the village. He was not stingy, but he was not extravagant, and so he built up gradually a little fortune. An inheritance from an uncle added to his nestegg, increasing it to a sum of some importance, so that one day Willis went to the city and consulted a shrewd friend as to investments. It seemed that there was a wonderful opening in oil lands, and Willis bought. A year later he was a rich man, but so gradually had he acquired his fortune that no one in his native village or in the surrounding country dreamed that "Slow-Coach Willis," as they called him, could buy out any farmer or merchant in the community.

The old folks died and Willis, now a man of forty, looked around for a housekeeper. Some few of the girls who had flouted him in the days of their youth were now willing to overlook his deficiencies for the sake of a comfortable home. But he would

He waited for news of her and heard a group of excited girls say, "Poor little thing, her mother died last week and she is all alone."

Willis' mind, working slowly, evolved a plan. "I'd like to send her home in a cab," he said to one of the girls. "It seems to me that I am partly to blame. Everybody who shops in such a crowded season is to blame. I might have waited until the rush was over."

The girl looked at him curiously. "You get the cab?" she said, "and I'll bring her down when she is better."

At the door of the cab Willis asked for her number, and he blushed and stammered.

The next day he hunted her up. He found her on the top floor of a tenement, looking smaller and whiter than ever, as she lay curled up on the couch. One of the women in the house was looking after her, but there were few evidences of comfort. She greeted him in a startled way. Her life had not made her confiding. "If you will let me look after you a little," he said to her, "I'd feel better. I hate to see a little white thing like you having to struggle. When you fainted yesterday in the store it came to me that the world was pretty cruel to girls like you."

Her eyes filled with tears. "People do not think," she said, "very much about us."

He did not answer things upon her. Yet he saw to it that she had enough nourishing food.

She did not dream he was a rich man. His clothes, his rough hands, his hesitating manner, gave no impression of affluence. Yet she clung to him; loved him; worshiped him. He was not "Slow-Coach Willis" to her, but a wonderful being of tenderness and strength.

When at last he asked her to marry him, she would have gone with him to penury. She did not dream that his house was, in a sense, a fairy palace. Plain on the outside, it was like a rose within.

Spurred by the rapture of his love for her, Willis demanded from his shrewd lawyer friend information as to the keeping up of an up-to-date establishment. A stout maid was hired to assist his housekeeper. He bought a big limousine and an electric, and when he took the little white maid home to his "bliss" they rode in the big car wrapped in furs.

"But you mustn't be so extravagant," she told him, thinking it hired for the occasion, "after this. Of course, just for our wedding journey it is all right, but after that you mustn't."

He smiled in his slow way, and he laughed a little as he carried her over the threshold of her own room. It was the rose room.

"Oh!" she said, and drew a quick little breath. "Oh, is it fair?"

"No, it is your home," he told her. She fitted into it like a jewel into its proper setting. She had a city woman's knowledge of the proper thing, and it came about that Willis Lamphear's home became the center of hospitality in the town. And Willis took on new dignity. His wife told him what to get and he bought it. His clothes, made by a city tailor, fitted him and gave him an air of a man of the world. He was no longer "Slow-Coach Willis," the townspeople were proud of him and of his pretty wife.

But there were some women to whom Willis' success was sour grapes. "I wouldn't have had him with all his money," they would say spitefully.

But Willis' wife knew that she had won a prize; she had seen beneath the surface into the heart of the man.

Brain Fag.

He belonged to the class of work man known as "unskilled—very," and he had not tasted food for 24 hours. Or so he told the benevolent gentleman who answered his knock.

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The applicant accepted eagerly, and started upon his work. But when his genial benefactor popped in half an hour later to see how things were progressing he found him resting disconsolately, with his head between his hands.

"What's the matter?" he asked. "Is the work too hard for you?"

"No, the work's easy enough," replied the man, with a perplexed look at the half-decayed vegetables; "but, gosh, it's an awful strain on the judgment!"

She Only Promised.

"I don't know whether to recognize him here in town or not. He is just an acquaintance I made at Monte Carlo."

"But didn't you promise to marry him?"

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